IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John Humphries Parkes)	Examiner: Nave
Serial No.:	09/392,925)	Art Unit: 1754
Filed:	September 9, 1999)	
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS)	

Docket No. JHP-10-5377

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D. C. 2031

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's letter of October 3, 2000, it is respectfully requested that the above-entitled application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 6 as follows:

(once amended)

A method for disposing of a rocket motor having a

propellant contained therein and having an exhaust, [and] comprising the steps of:

burning said propellant and concomitantly annularly spraying [generating] an

enclosure of liquid completely surrounding the location in [within] which the burning

occurs.